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1. CONSIDERATION THIS ITEM BEGAN A.M. SESSION FEBRUARY 25. SECRETARIAT (SCHREIBER) INTRODUCED ITEM WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "PROBLEM OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE" WITH REVIEW OF PREVIOUS UN ACTIONS AND LISTING OF DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE. FIRST SPEAKER WAS NETHERLANDS (VAN BOVEN) WHO EXPRESSED DISTRESS AT SITUATION IN CHILE SINCE 1973 COUP AND DISAPPOINTMENT AT GOC RESPONSE TO LAST YEAR'S HRC TELEGRAM. HE STATED GON MOST CONCERNED ABOUT LACK OF EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS TO PREVENT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND CONTINUED USE OF TORTURE. IN CONNECTION WITH LATTER, HE CITED CONCLUSION OF IA-CHR REPORT THAT TORTURE GENERAL AND NOT ISOLATED INCIDENTS AS ALLEGED BY GOC. VAN BOVEN CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT HRC ACTIONS SHOULD BE POSITIVE AND OF LONG-TERM INFLUENCE AIMED AT AMELIORATING CONDITIONS OF CHILEAN POEPL. TO THIS END, HE PROPOSING ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP PER NETHERLANDS-UK-NICARAGUA DRAFT RES (SEE GENEVA 1056).

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2. NEXT SPEAKER WAS USSR (ZORIN) WHO RECITED

IN LENGTHY DETAIL "FACTS" OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE AS EVIDENCED BY INFO SUBMITTED TO HRC FOR CONSIDERATION AS WELL AS OTHER PUBLIC DOCUMENTS. HE STATED THAT SITUATION RATHER THAN IMPROVING WAS DETERIORATING AND DECRIED LACK OF RESPONSE BY GOC TO PREVIOUS ACTIONS/REQUESTS OF UN BODIES. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING GROSS AND MASS VIOLATIONS HAD BEEN CONFIRMED AND THAT ON BASIS OF KNOWN FACTS, HRC MUST CONDEMN CHILE ACTIONS AS PER SOVIET DRAFT RES (SEE GENEVA 1202).

3. UK, FRG, FRANCE AND AUSTRIA CLOSED OUT LIST OF SPEAKERS FOR MORNING. BASICALLY THEY REPEATED SAME THEMES OF NETHERLANDS PRESENTATION: GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE, DISAPPOINTMENT IN GOC RESPONSE TO HRC TELEGRAM, AND STRONG PREFERENCE FOR WORKING GROUP BOTH TO CONFIRM EVIDENCE AND TO EXERT POSITIVE INFLUENCE. THEY DENOUNCED GOC ARGUMENT THAT ATTACK ON CHILE REFLECTED EFFORT BY ONE GROUP OF COUNTRIES TO DISCREDIT NEW REGIME; RATHER, IT REFLECTED WORLDWIDE CONCERN WITH DEVELOPMENTS THERE. FINALLY, ALL SPEAKERS DENOUNCED THOSE WHO WISHED TO CONDEMN CHILE DESCRIBING THIS AS RETROGRESSIVE ACTION WHICH WOULD NOT HELP AMELIORATE SITUATION. UK REP CITED WORKING GROUPS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST AS PRECEDENTS FOR ESTABLISHING SUCH GROUPS TO CONFIRM FACTS AS BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY HRC. FRG CALLED FOR "GENUINE AND DETERMINED DIALOGUE" BETWEEN HRC AND GOC TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENT AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, NOTED HRC WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD BY SEEKING COOPERATION WITH SOVEREIGN STATES. FRANCE NOTED CONFLICTING EVIDENCE IN THE TESTIMONY, INCLUDING DENIALS BY GOC, AS INDICATING NEED FOR INDEPENDENT AND OBJECTIVE INVESTIGATION. FINALLY, AUSTRIAN REP LISTED SEVERAL SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH FURTHER INFO NEEDED, IN PARTICULAR, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FORMAL JUDICIAL STRUCTURE AND ACTUAL OPERATIONS OF JUDICIARY.

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4. AFTERNOON SESSION OPENED BY ITALIAN REP WHO STATED HIS GOVT NOT INSENSITIVE TO GOC REACTIONS TO APPEALS BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THOUGH MUCH REMAINED TO BE DONE. ROLE OF HRC SEEN AS COOPERATING WITH SOVEREIGN STATES TO BRING ABOUT REAL IMPROVEMENTS. TO SUPPORT HIS ADVOCACY OF IMPARTIAL WORKING GROUP, HE POINTED OUT THAT INFO AVAILABLE ALREADY DATED, SITUATION EVOLVING, AND HRC NEEDED UP-TO-DATE

INFO ON WHICH TO BASE ITS ACTION. HE CONCLUDED BY SUGGESTING WORKING GROUP SUBMIT INTERIM REPORT TO SUBCOMMISSION AS WELL AS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BYELORUSSIA REPEATED SOVIET CHARGES AGAINST CHILE AND CALLED FOR CONDEMNATION AS WELL AS HRC "DEMAND" THAT CHILE COMPLY WITH PREVIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS. CUBAN OBSERVER GAVE LENGTHY AND DETAILED PRESENTATION OF SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE TO ESTABLISH DUPLICITY OF GOC, CHARGED THAT SITUATION ACTUALLY DETERIORATING IN SPITE OF PROPAGANDA STATEMENTS TO CONTRARY, THAT GOC UNWILLING TO COOPERATE WITH UN AND THAT ONLY EFFECTIVE ACTION POSSIBLE WAS TO CONDEMN GOC. FINALLY INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY UNION OBSERVER RECOUNTED FUTILE EFFORTS HIS ORGANIZATION TO SEND STUDY MISSION TO CHILE. HE DESCRIBED THIS AS POSSIBLE CHANGE IN CHILE POLICY RE PERMITTING OUTSIDE OBSERVERS INTO COUNTRY.

5. DEBATE THIS ITEM WILL RESUME FEBRUARY 26.  
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